



NEWS FROM THE 1st DISTRICT

Dear Friends,

After a busy week in Washington, here's my report back to you on my work representing the people of New Hampshire's First District.

Opposing the refugee and immigrant travel ban

President Trump's travel ban represents an attack on fundamental American values. This week, I announced a series of actions to combat President Trump's executive order denying refugees, permanent residents and foreign students entry into the United States. Read more about my efforts [here](#).

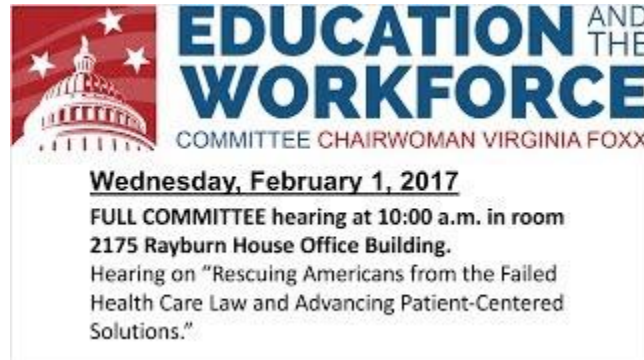
I also participated in a Judiciary Committee forum on reversing the unlawful and immoral travel ban. I was very moved by the testimony of Khizr Khan, a Pakistani-American lawyer and Gold Star Father; Farah Al Khalifi, an Iraqi whose husband was murdered for helping Americans; and Galen Carey, an evangelical Christian who reminded us of our moral responsibility to care for others. Watch the video below to hear me discuss how this ban makes us less safe with Michael Breen, President of the Truman National Security Project:



I've also been investigating this ban's impact on our national security in my role on the House Armed Services Committee. This week, General Petraeus and I discussed if President Trump's travel ban will be used as a terrorist recruiting tool. [Watch here](#).

Speaking up for health care

At Wednesday's Education and the Workforce Committee hearing, I asked our witness to back up false claims that the Affordable Care Act failed to expand access. He couldn't answer, because tens of thousands of Granite Staters now have coverage they can count on, and the financial security and peace of mind that comes with it. The ACA funds New Hampshire's Medicaid expansion, which has allowed thousands of Granite Staters to receive treatment for heroin, fentanyl, and prescription opioid addiction. We need to work together to improve the ACA, not repeal it.



Protecting public lands

With all the difficult news this week, I'm happy to report a success. After a number of us spoke out against Rep. Jason Chaffetz's plan to sell 3.3 million acres of public land – the size of Connecticut – public outrage [forced him to back off](#). This land belongs to you and me!

Preserving the National Security Council's integrity

President Trump made the deeply concerning decision to replace the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs as well as the Director of National Intelligence on the National Security Council. He will lose their tremendous experience, wisdom, and knowledge. The person who he chose to replace them is none other than Steve Bannon, a former editor of Breitbart News. Read about him [here](#). He has zero national security experience. In response, I cosponsored a bill to keep the NSC above politics. Pushing out our military leadership is a dangerous precedent.

Closing thoughts

I was glad to join Chris Ryan today on WKXL for a timely discussion about the importance of staying aware and engaged during this Presidency.

Thank you for reading, and please feel free to forward this email to friends and family who'd like to stay up-to-date on my work representing New Hampshire's First District.

Best Wishes,

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